

**PROFILE OF SELECTED SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS  
1990 and 2000**

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|   | Number<br>1990                  | Percent      | Number<br>2000 | Percent      | Number<br>Change<br>1990 - 2000 | Percent<br>Change |
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| <b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>  |                                 |              |                |              |                                 |                   |
| <b>POPULATION 3 YEARS AND OVER</b>  |                                 |              |                |              |                                 |                   |
| <b>ENROLLED IN SCHOOL <sup>1</sup></b>  | <b>4,378</b>                    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>4,609</b>   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>231</b>                      | <b>5.3</b>        |
| Nursery school, preschool   | x                               | x            | 293            | 6.4          | x                               | x                 |
| Kindergarten  | x                               | x            | 295            | 6.4          | x                               | x                 |
| Elementary school   | (included in high school total) |              | 2,105          | 45.7         | x                               | x                 |
| High school (grades 9-12) (1990: grades 1-12)   | 2,767                           | 63.2         | 975            | 21.2         | x                               | x                 |
| College or graduate school  | 1,178                           | 26.9         | 941            | 20.4         | -237                            | -20.1             |
| <b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>   |                                 |              |                |              |                                 |                   |
| <b>POPULATION 25 YEARS AND OVER</b>   |                                 |              |                |              |                                 |                   |
|   | <b>11,389</b>                   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>12,040</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>651</b>                      | <b>5.7</b>        |
| Less than 9th grade   | 677                             | 5.9          | 409            | 3.4          | -268                            | -39.6             |
| 9th to 12th grade, no diploma   | 883                             | 7.8          | 690            | 5.7          | -193                            | -21.9             |
| High school graduate (includes equivalency)   | 3,202                           | 28.1         | 2,840          | 23.6         | -362                            | -11.3             |
| Some college, no degree   | 1,935                           | 17.0         | 2,136          | 17.7         | 201                             | 10.4              |
| Associate degree  | 743                             | 6.5          | 801            | 6.7          | 58                              | 7.8               |
| Bachelor's degree   | 2,440                           | 21.4         | 3,120          | 25.9         | 680                             | 27.9              |
| Graduate or professional degree   | 1,509                           | 13.2         | 2,044          | 17.0         | 535                             | 35.5              |
| Percent high school graduate or higher  | 86.3                            | x            | 90.9           | x            | 4.6                             | x                 |
| Percent Bachelor's degree or higher   | 34.7                            | x            | 42.9           | x            | 8.2                             | x                 |
| <b>MARITAL STATUS</b>   |                                 |              |                |              |                                 |                   |
| <b>POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OVER</b>   |                                 |              |                |              |                                 |                   |
|   | <b>13,353</b>                   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>13,559</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>206</b>                      | <b>1.5</b>        |
| Never married   | 2,720                           | 20.4         | 2,676          | 19.7         | -44                             | -1.6              |
| Now married (not separated)   | 8,867                           | 66.4         | 8,591          | 63.4         | -276                            | -3.1              |
| Separated   | 255                             | 1.9          | 117            | 0.9          | -138                            | -54.1             |
| Widowed   | 770                             | 5.8          | 910            | 6.7          | 140                             | 18.2              |
| Female  | 652                             | 4.9          | 726            | 5.4          | 74                              | 11.3              |
| Divorced  | 741                             | 5.5          | 1,265          | 9.3          | 524                             | 70.7              |
| Female  | 393                             | 2.9          | 755            | 5.6          | 362                             | 92.1              |
| <b>GRANDPARENTS AS CAREGIVERS</b>   |                                 |              |                |              |                                 |                   |
| <b>GRANDPARENT LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD WITH ONE OR MORE OWN GRANDCHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS <sup>2</sup></b> |                                 |              |                |              |                                 |                   |
|   | <b>x</b>                        | <b>x</b>     | <b>211</b>     | <b>100.0</b> | <b>x</b>                        | <b>x</b>          |
| Grandparents responsible for grandchildren  | x                               | x            | 70             | 33.2         | x                               | x                 |
| <b>VETERAN STATUS</b>   |                                 |              |                |              |                                 |                   |
| <b>CIVILIAN POPULATION 18 YEARS AND OVER</b>  |                                 |              |                |              |                                 |                   |
|   | <b>x</b>                        | <b>x</b>     | <b>12,544</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>x</b>                        | <b>x</b>          |
| Civilian veterans   | x                               | x            | 2,418          | 19.3         | x                               | x                 |
| <b>DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION</b>                              |                                 |              |                |              |                                 |                   |
| <b>POPULATION 5 TO 20 YEARS</b>   |                                 |              |                |              |                                 |                   |
|   | <b>x</b>                        | <b>x</b>     | <b>3,570</b>   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>x</b>                        | <b>x</b>          |
| With a disability   | x                               | x            | 245            | 6.9          | x                               | x                 |
| <b>POPULATION 21 TO 64 YEARS</b>  |                                 |              |                |              |                                 |                   |
|   | <b>x</b>                        | <b>x</b>     | <b>9,872</b>   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>x</b>                        | <b>x</b>          |
| With a disability   | x                               | x            | 1,699          | 17.2         | x                               | x                 |
| Percent employed  | x                               | x            | 73.4           | x            | x                               | x                 |
| No disability   | x                               | x            | 8,173          | 82.8         | x                               | x                 |
| Percent employed  | x                               | x            | 81.2           | x            | x                               | x                 |
| <b>POPULATION 65 AND OVER</b>   |                                 |              |                |              |                                 |                   |
|   | <b>2,002</b>                    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>2,315</b>   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>313</b>                      | <b>15.6</b>       |
| With a disability   | 643                             | 32.1         | 834            | 36.0         | 191                             | 29.7              |
| <b>RESIDENCE IN 1995 (1990 CENSUS: 1985)</b>  |                                 |              |                |              |                                 |                   |
| <b>POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER</b>  |                                 |              |                |              |                                 |                   |
|   | <b>15,692</b>                   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>16,084</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>392</b>                      | <b>2.5</b>        |
| Same house  | 8,882                           | 56.6         | 9,562          | 59.5         | 680                             | 7.7               |
| Different house in the U.S.   | 6,552                           | 41.8         | 6,239          | 38.8         | -313                            | -4.8              |
| Same county   | 3,341                           | 21.3         | 3,069          | 19.1         | -272                            | -8.1              |
| Different county  | 3,211                           | 20.5         | 3,170          | 19.7         | -41                             | -1.3              |
| Same state  | 335                             | 2.1          | 646            | 4.0          | 311                             | 92.8              |
| Different state   | 2,876                           | 18.3         | 2,524          | 15.7         | -352                            | -12.2             |
| Elsewhere (1990: lived abroad)  | 258                             | 1.6          | 283            | 1.8          | 25                              | 9.7               |

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| <b>NATIVITY AND PLACE OF BIRTH</b>                            |                |              |                |              |                              |                               |
| <b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>                                       | <b>16,817</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>17,149</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>332</b>                   | <b>2.0</b>                    |
| Native  | 16,319         | 97.0         | 16,466         | 96.0         | 147                          | 0.9                           |
| Born in the United States                                     | 15,989         | 95.1         | 16,271         | 94.9         | 282                          | 1.8                           |
| State of residence  | 6,266          | 37.3         | 6,911          | 40.3         | 645                          | 10.3                          |
| Different state   | 9,723          | 57.8         | 9,360          | 54.6         | -363                         | -3.7                          |
| Born outside the United States                                | 330            | 2.0          | 195            | 1.1          | -135                         | -40.9                         |
| Foreign born  | 498            | 3.0          | 683            | 4.0          | 185                          | 37.1                          |
| Entered 1990 to March 2000 *                                  | 89             | 0.5          | 157            | 0.9          | 68                           | 76.4                          |
| Naturalized citizen   | 333            | 2.0          | 383            | 2.2          | 50                           | 15.0                          |
| Not a citizen   | 165            | 1.0          | 300            | 1.7          | 135                          | 81.8                          |
| <b>REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>                        |                |              |                |              |                              |                               |
| <b>TOTAL FOREIGN BORN POPULATION<br/>(except born at sea)</b> | <b>498</b>     | <b>100.0</b> | <b>683</b>     | <b>100.0</b> | <b>185</b>                   | <b>37.1</b>                   |
| Europe  | x              | x            | 352            | 51.5         | x                            | x                             |
| Asia  | x              | x            | 177            | 25.9         | x                            | x                             |
| Africa  | x              | x            | 25             | 3.7          | x                            | x                             |
| Oceania   | x              | x            | 7              | 1.0          | x                            | x                             |
| Latin America   | x              | x            | 41             | 6.0          | x                            | x                             |
| Northern America  | x              | x            | 81             | 11.9         | x                            | x                             |
| <b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME</b>                                |                |              |                |              |                              |                               |
| <b>POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER</b>                            | <b>15,692</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>16,084</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>392</b>                   | <b>2.5</b>                    |
| English only  | 14,562         | 92.8         | 15,162         | 94.3         | 600                          | 4.1                           |
| Language other than English                                   | 1,112          | 7.1          | 922            | 5.7          | -190                         | -17.1                         |
| Speak English other than "very well"                          | 257            | 1.6          | 235            | 1.5          | -22                          | -8.6                          |
| Spanish   | 173            | 1.1          | 198            | 1.2          | 25                           | 14.5                          |
| Speak English other than "very well"                          | 55             | 0.4          | 24             | 0.1          | -31                          | -56.4                         |
| Other Indo-European languages                                 | x              | x            | 565            | 3.5          | x                            | x                             |
| Speak English other than "very well"                          | x              | x            | 134            | 0.8          | x                            | x                             |
| Asian and Pacific Island languages                            | 115            | 0.7          | 108            | 0.7          | -7                           | -6.1                          |
| Speak English other than "very well"                          | 58             | 0.4          | 47             | 0.3          | -11                          | -19.0                         |
| <b>ANCESTRY (single or multiple)</b>                          |                |              |                |              |                              |                               |
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| <i>Total ancestries reported</i>                              | <i>23,108</i>  | <i>137.4</i> | <i>21,650</i>  | <i>126.2</i> | <i>-1,458</i>                | <i>-6.3</i>                   |
| Arab  | 82             | 0.5          | 131            | 0.8          | 49                           | 59.8                          |
| Czech <sup>3</sup>  | 114            | 0.7          | 28             | 0.2          | -86                          | -75.4                         |
| Danish  | 79             | 0.5          | 77             | 0.4          | -2                           | -2.5                          |
| Dutch   | 304            | 1.8          | 214            | 1.2          | -90                          | -29.6                         |
| English   | 4,024          | 23.9         | 3,173          | 18.5         | -851                         | -21.1                         |
| French (except Basque) <sup>3</sup>                           | 1,869          | 11.1         | 1,514          | 8.8          | -355                         | -19.0                         |
| French Canadian <sup>3</sup>                                  | 706            | 4.2          | 698            | 4.1          | -8                           | -1.1                          |
| German  | 2,204          | 13.1         | 2,119          | 12.4         | -85                          | -3.9                          |
| Greek   | 125            | 0.7          | 114            | 0.7          | -11                          | -8.8                          |
| Hungarian   | 16             | 0.1          | 43             | 0.3          | 27                           | 168.8                         |
| Irish <sup>3</sup>  | 4,527          | 26.9         | 4,277          | 24.9         | -250                         | -5.5                          |
| Italian   | 1,602          | 9.5          | 1,866          | 10.9         | 264                          | 16.5                          |
| Lithuanian  | 166            | 1.0          | 65             | 0.4          | -101                         | -60.8                         |
| Norwegian   | 177            | 1.1          | 154            | 0.9          | -23                          | -13.0                         |
| Polish  | 755            | 4.5          | 914            | 5.3          | 159                          | 21.1                          |
| Portuguese  | 2,798          | 16.6         | 2,452          | 14.3         | -346                         | -12.4                         |
| Russian   | 135            | 0.8          | 147            | 0.9          | 12                           | 8.9                           |
| Scotch-Irish  | 393            | 2.3          | 306            | 1.8          | -87                          | -22.1                         |
| Scottish  | 446            | 2.7          | 442            | 2.6          | -4                           | -0.9                          |
| Slovak  | 114            | 0.7          | 103            | 0.6          | -11                          | -9.6                          |
| Subsaharan African  | 66             | 0.4          | 27             | 0.2          | -39                          | -59.1                         |
| Swedish   | 345            | 2.1          | 240            | 1.4          | -105                         | -30.4                         |
| Swiss   | 68             | 0.4          | 59             | 0.3          | -9                           | -13.2                         |
| Ukrainian   | 52             | 0.3          | 25             | 0.1          | -27                          | -51.9                         |
| United States or American                                     | 488            | 2.9          | 463            | 2.7          | -25                          | -5.1                          |
| Welsh   | 209            | 1.2          | 48             | 0.3          | -161                         | -77.0                         |
| West Indian (excluding Hispanic groups)                       | 0              | 0.0          | 16             | 0.1          | 16                           | x                             |
| Other ancestries  | 1,244          | 7.4          | 1,935          | 11.3         | 691                          | 55.5                          |

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**FOOTNOTES**

x Data not available or not applicable.

\* 1990 census: entered 1980 to 1990.

<sup>1</sup> In 1990, persons who were enrolled and reported completing nursery school or less were classified as enrolled in "preprimary school", which includes kindergarten. Elementary school and High school combined into one data field in 1990.

<sup>2</sup> Question relating to "grandparents as caregivers" not asked in 1990 census.

<sup>3</sup> The data represent a combination of two ancestries shown separately in Summary File 3. Czech includes Czechoslovakian. French includes Alsatian. French Canadian includes Acadian/Cajun. Irish includes Celtic.